residential accommodation in hotels. Strict instructions have been issued to get these vacated with immediate effect. Those who have not vacated by the specified date that is October 31, 2001 would be , charged full market rate.

Protection of Buddhist Stupa in Farukhabad, U.P.

3025. SHRI VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a historic "Buddhist Stupa" has been discovered at Sankashya in Farukhabad district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the action taken to excavate this site and to find out its historic background and importance; and

(c) the steps taken to preserve and protect this important historic place for pilgrimage and tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Sir, the recent excavation conducted by the Archaeological Survey of India from 1995 to 1997 at Sankisa (ancient Sankashya) in district Farukhabad, U.P. has not yielded any "Buddhist Stupa" However, some structures and objects ranging in time from the 9th century BC to AD 3rd century has been found.

(c) The site is under the protection of the Archaeological Survey of India.

Development of Parinirvan-Sthala In Khushinagar, U.P.

† 3026. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to formulate a new programme of development and facilities to make Khushinagar of U.P. favourable for tourism; and

(b) what is the number of tourists visiting every year at

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.